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Docket No. GC477C1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Wang et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/273,957) Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: March 22, 1999)
For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme Enzymes)))

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Director of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Group I, claims 1-17 and 56-58, drawn to phenol oxidizing enzymes, classified in class 435, subclass 189.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the nonelected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-

elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office 02/08/2001 LPENDER

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R 00000001 071048 09273957 Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for 890.00 CH early action.

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